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I. Introduction

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the seventy-second session of the General Assembly of the United Nations its annual report on its 2017 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

II. Organization of the work of the Conference

A. 2017 session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 23 January to 31 March, 15 May to 30 June and 31 July to 15 September 2017. During this period, the Conference held 32 formal plenary meetings, at which member States as well as non-member States invited to participate in the discussions outlined their views and recommendations on the various issues before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held six informal plenary meetings.

4. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the following member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: Romania, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa and Spain.

5. At the first plenary meeting of the 2017 session on 24 January 2017, Mr. Michael Møller, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, delivered a message on behalf of Secretary-General António Guterres in which the Secretary-General, inter alia, emphasized that the world is looking to the Conference on Disarmament to provide rationality and diplomatic solutions, to promote security through peaceful action, and to create the instruments needed to develop confidence, trust and international stability. He encouraged the Conference on Disarmament to work hard to find compromise and to make the most of its partners in civil society and academia, and pledged that the United Nations will be its ally and assist wherever it can. As Secretary-General, he emphasized his firm resolve to pursue the abolition of all weapons of mass destruction and the strict regulation of conventional weapons. He also expressed his commitment to achieving a world free of nuclear weapons (CD/PV.1402).

6. Upon the joint invitation of the second President of the Conference, Mr. Alexey Borodavkin, Ambassador of the Russian Federation, and of the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Michael Møller, the following dignitaries addressed the Conference on Disarmament: Mr. Ayman Safadi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of Jordan (CD/PV.1408); Mr. Bert Koenders, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (CD/PV.1408); Mr. Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan (CD/PV.1409); Mr. Edgars Rinkevics, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia (CD/PV.1409); Pedro Raul Villagra Delgado, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Argentina (CD/PV.1409); Ioannis Amanatidis, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece (CD/PV.1409); Mr. Yun Byung-se, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea (CD/PV.1409); Mr. Alfonso Dastis, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain (CD/PV.1409); Mr. Motome Takisawa, Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan (CD/PV.1409); Mr. Gennadiy M. Gatilov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (CD/PV.1409); Mr. Valentin Rybakov,

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belarus (CD/PV.1409); Mr. Geoffrey Onyeama, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria (CD/PV.1409); Mr. Benedetto della Vedova, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy (CD/PV.1409); Mr. George Ciamba, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania (CD/PV.1410); Carlos Raul Morales Moscoso, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala (CD/PV.1410); Mr. Virasakdi Futrakul, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand (CD/PV.1410); Mr. Lubomir Ivanov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria (CD/PV.1411); Mr. Ibrahim Aljafari, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iraq (CD/PV.1411); Ms. Margot Wallström, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden (CD/PV.1411); Mr. Ruben Dario Molina, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of (CD/PV.1411); Mr Timo Soini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland (CD/PV.1432). Upon the invitation of the sixth President of the Conference, Mr. Julio Herráiz España, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Spain to the Conference on Disarmament, Mr. Ahmed Üzümcü, Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (CD/PV.1430) and Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs (CD/PV.1432), addressed the Conference.

7. In their addresses, these dignitaries variously voiced support for the Conference, expressed concern about the Conference's current situation, called upon the Conference to do its part to advance the international agenda by overcoming its ongoing deadlock, and set out their national priorities for the work of the Conference.

8. The substantive secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament was composed as follows: Mr. Michael Møller, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Ms. Mary Soliman, Acting Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Acting Director of the Geneva Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (until 31 May 2017); Ms. Anja Kaspersen, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Director of the Geneva Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (as of 24 July 2017); Mr. Marco Kalbusch, Senior Political Affairs Officer and Secretary of the Conference on Disarmament.

B. Participants in the work of the Conference

9. The representatives of the following 65 member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

C. Attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference

10. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from 40 States not members of the Conference. Accordingly, the Conference invited the following non-member States to participate in its work:, Albania, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, and United Arab Emirates.

11. The following documents dealing with the issue of attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/2086, dated 25 January 2017, entitled "Letter dated 24 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the requests for participation in the work of the conference during 2017 from non-member States";

(b) CD/2088, dated 6 February 2017, entitled "Letter dated 2 February 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus, addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament".

D. Agenda and programme of work for the 2017 session

12. At its 1402nd plenary meeting on 24 January 2017, following a debate in which the content of the draft agenda presented by the President of the Conference, Mr. Adrian Vierita, Ambassador of Romania was reviewed in accordance with rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the Conference on Disarmament adopted its agenda for the 2017 session (CD/PV.1402). The agenda (CD/2085) read as follows:

> "Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and deciding to resume its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2017 session:
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> 1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
> 2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
> 3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
> 4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
> 5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
> 6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
> 7. Transparency in armaments.

8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

13. Subsequently, the President made the following statement: "In connection with the adoption of the agenda, I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda. The Conference will also take into consideration rules 27 and 30 of the rules of procedure of the Conference."

14. Pursuant to paragraph 54 of the 2016 report of the Conference (CD/2080), the last President of the 2016 session (Republic of Korea) and the first President of the 2017 session (Romania), conducted informal consultations during the intersessional period with a view to commencing early substantive work during the 2017 session of the Conference.

15. At the 1406th plenary meeting on 17 February 2017, the Conference adopted decision CD/2090, submitted by the President of the Conference, Mr. Adrian Vierita, Ambassador of Romania, on the establishment of a working group on the "way ahead" to identify common ground for a programme of work with a negotiating mandate, which reads as follows:

"*The Conference on Disarmament*,

In pursuance of its agenda contained in CD/2085,

Cognizant of its role as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum,

Stressing the importance of adoption and implementation of a balanced and comprehensive programme of work with a negotiation mandate at the earliest possible date in its 2017 session,

Reiterating the responsibilities entrusted to the President under the rules of procedure of the Conference on Disarmament, in particular rule 29 for drawing up the programme of work of the Conference,

Recognizing the need to conduct multilateral negotiations with the aim of reaching agreement on common issues to reinforce the international security environment and architecture,

Recalling, in this respect, that the Conference has a number of important issues on its agenda for negotiations to achieve disarmament goals,

Noting the conclusions contained in the adopted final report on the work of the Informal Working Group re-established pursuant to rule 23 of its rules of procedure, with a mandate to produce a programme of work robust in substance and progressive over time in implementation as contained in CD/2033,

Decides,

1. To establish a working group on the 'way ahead', pursuant to rule 23 of its rules of procedure, in support of the President of the Conference on Disarmament, with a mandate to:

- Take stock of the progress on all agenda items of the Conference as contained in CD/2085,
- Identify issues for substantive work under the agenda, taking into account the efforts and priorities of the international community,

- Identify common ground for a programme of work with a negotiating mandate,
- Consider steps for the way ahead;

2. That the Working Group may at any time establish sub-Groups when and as required to fulfil its mandate;

3. That Ambassador Htin Lynn of Myanmar shall chair the Working Group. Should sub-Groups be established, the facilitators of the sub-Groups shall be designated by the Working Group;

4. That the Working Group, and the sub-Groups, shall remain open to all member States of the Conference on Disarmament. Those interested non-member States that the Conference has invited to participate in its work during the 2017 session are invited to attend the meetings of the Working Group and the sub-Groups;

5. That the rules of procedure of the Conference, as contained in CD/8/Rev.9, shall apply to the work of the Working Group and the sub-Groups, mutatis mutandis;

6. That the Working Group, and the sub-Groups, shall hold meetings during the 2017 session as per timetable established by the Chair of the Working Group, in consultation with the President. The sub-Groups shall report to the Working Group on the progress of their work;

7. That the Chair shall report to the Conference through the President of the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of the work of the Working Group on a regular basis. The sub-Groups shall submit their reports, as agreed by the member States of the Conference, to the Chair of the Working Group. The Chair shall submit the final report of the Working Group to the President as early as possible for consideration and adoption by the Conference in accordance with the Conference's rules of procedure;

8. That, should the Conference on Disarmament agree upon a programme of work with a negotiating mandate, all activities mandated by the present decision shall conclude and the Chair shall report to the President of the Conference on Disarmament on the work of the Working Group and, at the President's request, to the plenary according to the rules of procedure."

The different views of delegations expressed during the discussions on the establishment of the working group are reflected in the plenary records.

16. The Conference held two informal plenary meetings on the establishment of the working group on the "way ahead" on 3 and 10 February 2017 under the presidency of Mr. Adrian Vierita, Ambassador of Romania.

17. Following intensive consultations the President of the Conference, Mr. Fedor Rosocha Ambassador of Slovakia, noted at the 1421st plenary meeting that there was agreement on the timetable proposed by the Chair of the Working Group, Mr. Htin Lynn, Ambassador of Myanmar, for the schedule of the meetings of the working group (CD/PV.1421).

18. At the 1412th plenary meeting on 7 March 2017, the President of the Conference, Mr. Alexey Borodavkin, Ambassador of the Russian Federation presented a draft proposal for a programme of work (CD.PV.1412).

19. The Conference held two informal plenary meetings on the programme of work on 24 February and 10 March 2017 under the presidency of Mr. Alexey Borodavkin, Ambassador of the Russian Federation.

20. Throughout the 2017 session, Presidents of the Conference conducted intensive consultations with a view to agreeing on a programme of work, but no consensus was reached. Substantive informal consultations were held in the working group on the "way ahead" on all the items of the Conference on Disarmament's agenda. The fifth President, South Africa, did not convene plenary meetings of the Conference on Disarmament.

21. The following documents were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/2084, dated 17 January 2017, entitled "Letter dated 16 January 2017 from the President of the Conference on Disarmament and Permanent Representative of Romania, addressed to the Permanent Representatives and Heads of Delegations of Member States of the Conference on Disarmament";

(b) CD/2095, dated 19 June 2017, entitled "Letter dated 14 June 2017 from the Chair of the Working Group on the 'way ahead', addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament";

(c) CD/2108, dated 18 September 2017, entitled "Letter dated 15 September 2017 from H. E. N.J. Mxakato-Diseko, Ambassador of South Africa, to the Secretary of the Conference on Disarmament including seven Annexes (Notes Verbales from the Permanent Mission of South Africa to the Permanent Mission of Romania, the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, the Permanent Mission of Senegal, the Permanent Mission of Slovakia, the Permanent Mission of Spain and the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and Letter from H. E. Julio Herráiz, Ambassador of Spain to the Conference on Disarmament, to H. E. N.J. Mxakato-Diseko, Ambassador of South Africa, on behalf of a list of countries)".

E. Expansion of the membership of the Conference

22. The question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings (CD/PV.1402, CD/PV.1403, CD/PV.1405, CD/PV.1406, CD/PV.1409, CD/PV.1410, CD/PV.1411, CD/PV.1414, CD/PV.1419, CD/PV.1420, CD/PV.1423, CD/PV.1427 and CD/PV.1432. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

23. On the initiative of the President of the Conference, Mr. Fedor Rosocha, Ambassador of Slovakia, an informal meeting was held on "rule 2, review of membership" on 13 June 2017.

24. Since 1982, requests for membership have been received from the following 27 non-members, in chronological order: Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, Philippines, Azerbaijan, Libya, Armenia, Thailand, Georgia, Jordan, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Serbia, Republic of Moldova and Qatar.

F. Review of the agenda of the Conference

25. The review of the agenda of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

G. Improved and effective functioning of the Conference

26. The improved and effective functioning of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

H. Communications from non-governmental organizations

27. During the general debate, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the Conference's interaction with civil society. Their views are duly reflected in the plenary records of the Conference.

III. Substantive work of the Conference during its 2017 session

28. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations affirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda items. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

29. Pursuant to the establishment of the Working Group on the "Way Ahead" (CD/2090), chaired by Mr. Htin Lynn, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Myanmar, the working group held 24 meetings on 24 February, 30 May, 1, 6, 8, 14, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 28,29 and 30 June and on 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22 and 25 August 2017, as per the timetable established by the Chair, in consultation with the President.

30. The working group adopted its final report on 25 August 2017, which the Chair submitted to the Conference on Disarmament through its sixth President, Mr. Julio Herráiz España, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Spain, for consideration. The Conference adopted the report of the working group on 29 August 2017 (CD/2097), which reads as follows:

"Final Report of the Working Group on the 'Way Ahead'

1. At the 1406th plenary meeting on 17 February 2017, the Conference on Disarmament, pursuant to rule 23 of its rules of procedure, in support of the President of the Conference on Disarmament, established a working group on the 'way ahead' to identify common ground for a programme of work with a negotiating mandate (CD/2090).

2. The working group on the 'way ahead' was chaired by Ambassador Htin Lynn of Myanmar in line with operational paragraph 3 of CD/2090.

3. The working group on the 'way ahead' was mandated to:

- Take stock of the progress on all agenda items of the Conference as contained in CD/2085,
- Identify issues for substantive work under the agenda, taking into account the efforts and priorities of the international community,
- Identify common ground for a programme of work with a negotiating mandate,
- Consider steps for the way ahead;

4. The Working Group was open to all member States of the Conference on Disarmament and those interested non-member States that the Conference had invited to participate in its work during the 2017.

5. The rules of procedure of the Conference, as contained in CD/8/Rev.9, applied to the work of the Working Group and the sub-Groups, mutatis mutandis.

6. The Working Group held meetings on 24 February and on 30 May an organizational meeting.

7. Following intensive consultations by the Chair, Ambassador Htin Lynn of Myanmar, at the 1421st plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament, the Conference agreed on the timetable of the working group on the 'way ahead'. In line with the time table the following meetings took place:

01, 06 and 08 June a.m.	Take stock of the progress on all agenda items of the Conference as contained in CD/2085 and identify issues for substantive work under the agenda, taking into account the efforts and priorities of the international community.
14 June p.m.; 15 and 16 June a.m.	Agenda item 3 — Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
20 June p.m.; 22 and 23 June a.m.	Agenda item 1 and 2 — Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament and Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters, with general focus on the ban of the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices.
28 and 29 June p.m.; 30 June a.m.	Agenda item 4 — Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
8 August p.m.; 9 and 10 August a.m.	Agenda item 1 and 2 — Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament and Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters, with general focus on nuclear disarmament
11 August a.m.; 14 and 15 August p.m.	Agenda items 5, 6 and 7 — New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons, Comprehensive programme of disarmament and Transparency in armaments.
16 August p.m.; 17 August a.m.; 22 August p.m.; 25 August a.m.	Meetings of the working group.

8. All meetings of the working group on the 'way ahead' were chaired by Ambassador Htin Lynn of Myanmar. In addition, the meetings on agenda items 1 and 2 with general focus on the ban of the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices and the meetings of agenda item 4 were co-facilitated by Ambassador Michael Biontino of Germany in his capacity as friend of the Chair; the meetings on agenda item 3 were co-facilitated by Mr. Helmut Lagos of Chile in his capacity as friend of the Chair; and the meetings on agenda items 5, 6 and 7 were co-facilitated by Ambassador Yury Ambrazevich of Belarus in his capacity as friend of the Chair.

9. The reports of the meetings of the working group prepared by the Chair and by the friends of the Chair in their personal capacity and without prejudice to the positions of delegations are issued as:

CD/2106, dated 15 September 2017, entitled 'Letter dated 14 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Secretary General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Report on the informal meetings on Agenda items 1 and 2 with general focus on nuclear disarmament';

CD/2105, dated 15 September 2017 entitled 'Note verbale dated 14 September 2017 from the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament' transmitting a report of the discussions on agenda items 1 and 2 with general focus on the ban of the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices and a report of the discussions on agenda item 4 on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons;

CD/2100, dated 13 September 2017, entitled 'Note verbale, dated 7 September 2017, from the Permanent Mission of Chile addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the report on the informal discussions on Prevention of an arms race in outer space';

CD/2102, dated 13 September 2017, entitled 'Letter dated 8 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus Mr. Yury Ambrazevich to the Secretary General of the Conference on Disarmament' transmitting a report of the discussions on agenda items 5, 6 and 7.

10. The final report of the working group on the way ahead' is submitted by the Chair of the working group to the President of the Conference on Disarmament in accordance with operative paragraphs 6 and 7 of decision CD/2090.

Ambassador Htin Lynn
Myanmar
Chair of the working group on the 'way ahead'"

31. On the initiative of the President of the Conference, Mr. Alexey Borodavkin, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation, and with the agreement of the Conference, an informal thematic plenary of the Conference dedicated to the 110th Anniversary of the Second Hague Conference of Peace was held on 22 February 2017.

32. The list of documents issued by the Conference, as well as the texts of those documents, are included as Appendix I to this report. An index of the verbatim records, by country and by subject, listing the statements made by delegations during 2017 and the verbatim records of the formal plenary meetings of the Conference, is attached as Appendix II to this report.

33. The Conference had before it a letter dated 4 January 2017 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the resolutions and decisions on disarmament and international security matters adopted by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session in 2016, including those making specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament (CD/2083). The latter are listed below:

71/30	Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non- nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (Tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, sixteenth preambular paragraphs, operative paragraphs 2, 4, 5)
71/31	Prevention of an arms race in outer space (Sixth, eleventh, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 5, 6, 8)
71/32	No first placement of weapons in outer space (Seventh preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2, 3)
71/40	Regional disarmament (Operative paragraph 1)
71/41	Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels (Operative paragraph 2)
71/42	Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities (Sixth, seventh preambular paragraphs and operative paragraph 3)
71/49	United action with renewed determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons (Twelfth preambular paragraph)
71/54	Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments (Twentieth preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 16)
71/55	Ethical imperatives for a nuclear-weapon-free world (Ninth preambular paragraph)
71/58	Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons (Twelfth, thirteenth preambular paragraphs)
71/63	Nuclear disarmament (Sixteenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 16, 17, 20)
71/67	Nuclear disarmament verification (Operative paragraph 5)
71/71	Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament (Thirteenth preambular paragraph, operative paragraphs 4, 7, 14)
71/74	United Nations Disarmament Information Programme (Operative paragraph 5)
71/75	Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons (Ninth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 1,2)
71/81	Report of the Conference on Disarmament (First, second, third, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, eleventh, twelfth preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 1 to 10)
71/82	Report of the Disarmament Commission (Operative paragraphs 2, 11)
71/258	Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations (Fifth preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 14)
71/259	Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices (Second, fourth, fifth and sixth preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6)

A. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament

34. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

35. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/2081, dated 14 November 2016, entitled "Note Verbale dated 26 September 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the document entitled 'Cuba commemorates the 26 September: International Day for total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons'";

(b) CD/2082, dated 16 November 2016, entitled: "Note verbale dated 3 November 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus on the twentieth anniversary of the withdrawal of nuclear weapons by Belarus";

(c) CD/2091, dated 23 February 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 20 February 2017 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Declaration of the Member States of OPANAL on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Conclusion of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean";

(d) CD/2096, dated 23 June 2017, entitled "Letter dated 19 June 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament";

(e) CD/2099, dated 11 September 2017, entitled "Sri Lanka on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working Paper. Nuclear Disarmament";

(f) CD/2101, dated 12 September 2017, entitled "Letter dated 11 September 2017 from the President of the Conference on Disarmament, Mr. Julio Herráiz to all Permanent Representatives of the Member and non-Member States to the Conference on Disarmament";

(g) CD/2103, dated 15 September 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 12 September 2017 from the United States Delegation to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament";

(h) CD/2104, dated 15 September 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 12 September 2017 from the United States Delegation to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament";

(i) CD/2105, dated 15 September 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 14 September 2017 from the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament";

(j) CD/2106, dated 15 September 2015, entitled "Letter dated 14 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Secretary General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Report on the informal meetings on Agenda items 1 and2 with general focus on nuclear disarmament";

(k) CD/2107, dated 15 September 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 15 September 2017 from the Delegation of Japan to the conference on Disarmament";

(l) CD/2109, dated 20 September 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 15 September 2017 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting 'the Statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on the DPRK's Sixth Nuclear Test on September 3'";

(m) CD/2110, dated 20 September 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 15 September 2017 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the Secretary General of the Conference on Disarmament";

(n) CD/2111, dated 20 September 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 11 September 2017 from the Permanent Mission of Republic of Iran to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament".

36. As per the timetable established by the Chair, in consultation with the President, the Working Group on the "way ahead" informally discussed agenda items 1 and 2 — Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament and Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters, with a general focus on the ban of the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices on 20, 22, and 23 June 2017 and agenda items 1 and 2 — Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament and Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters, with a general focus on nuclear disarmament on 8, 9 and 10 August 2017. The meetings were chaired by Mr. Htin Lynn, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Myanmar. The meetings on agenda items 1 and 2 with a general focus on the ban of the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices were co-facilitated by Mr. Michael Biontino, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Germany in his capacity as friend of the Chair. A variety of views were expressed by delegations during these meetings.

B. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters

37. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

38. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/2081, dated 14 November 2016, entitled "Note Verbale dated 26 September 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the document entitled 'Cuba commemorates the 26 September: International Day for total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons'";

(b) CD/2082, dated 16 November 2016, entitled: "Note verbale dated 3 November 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus on the twentieth anniversary of the withdrawal of nuclear weapons by Belarus";

(c) CD/2091, dated 23 February 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 20 February 2017 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Declaration of the Member States of OPANAL on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Conclusion of

the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean";

(d) CD/2096, dated 23 June 2017, entitled "Letter dated 19 June 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament";

(e) CD/2099, dated 11 September 2017, entitled "Sri Lanka on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working Paper. Nuclear Disarmament";

(f) CD/2101, dated 12 September 2017, entitled "Letter dated 11 September 2017 from the President of the Conference on Disarmament, Mr. Julio Herráiz to all Permanent Representatives of the Member and non-Member States to the Conference on Disarmament";

(g) CD/2103, dated 15 September 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 12 September 2017 from the United States Delegation to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament";

(h) CD/2105, dated 15 September 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 14 September 2017 from the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament";

(i) CD/2106, dated 15 September 2015, entitled "Letter dated 14 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Secretary General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Report on the informal meetings on Agenda items 1 and2 with general focus on nuclear disarmament";

(j) CD/2107, dated 15 September 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 15 September 2017 from the Delegation of Japan to the conference on Disarmament";

(k) CD/2109, dated 20 September 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 15 September 2017 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting 'the Statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on the DPRK's Sixth Nuclear Test on September 3'";

(l) CD/2110, dated 20 September 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 15 September 2017 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the Secretary General of the Conference on Disarmament";

(m) CD/2111, dated 20 September 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 11 September 2017 from the Permanent Mission of Republic of Iran to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament".

39. As per the timetable established by the Chair, in consultation with the President, the Working Group on the "way ahead" informally discussed agenda items 1 and 2 — Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament and Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters, with a general focus on the ban of the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices on 20, 22, and 23 June 2017 and agenda items 1 and 2 — Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament and Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters, with a general focus on nuclear disarmament on 8, 9 and 10 August 2017. The meetings were chaired by Mr. Htin Lynn, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Myanmar. The meetings on agenda items 1 and 2 with a general focus on the ban of the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices were co-facilitated by Mr. Michael Biontino,

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Germany in his capacity as friend of the Chair. A variety of views were expressed by delegations during these meetings.

C. Prevention of an arms race in outer space

40. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

41. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/2098, dated 6 September 2017, entitled "Letter dated 9 August 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation, addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament, transmitting the Joint Statement by President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin and President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Tran Dai Quang of 29 June 2017, with regard to the no first placement of weapons of any kind in Outer Space";

(b) CD/2100, dated 13 September 2017, entitled "Note verbale, dated 7 September 2017, from the Permanent Mission of Chile addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the report on the informal discussions on Prevention of an arms race in outer space".

42. As per the timetable established by the Chair, in consultation with the President, the working group on the "way ahead" informally discussed agenda item 3 — Prevention of an arms race in outer space on 14, 15 and 16 June 2017. The meetings were chaired by Mr. Htin Lynn, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Myanmar and co-facilitated by Mr. Helmut Lagos of Chile in his capacity as friend of the Chair. A variety of views were expressed by delegations during these meetings.

D. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons

43. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

44. The following document was submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

CD/2105, dated 15 September 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 14 September 2017 from the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament".

45. As per the timetable established by the Chair, in consultation with the President, the working group on the "way ahead" informally discussed agenda item 4 — Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons on 28, 29 and 30 June 2017. The meetings were chaired by Mr. Htin Lynn, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Myanmar and co-facilitated by Mr. Michael Biontino, Ambassador of Germany in his capacity as friend of the Chair. A variety of views were expressed by delegations during these meetings.

E. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons

46. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

47. The following document was submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

CD/2102, dated 11 September 2017, entitled "Letter dated 8 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus Mr. Yury Ambrazevich to the Secretary General of the Conference on Disarmament".

48. As per the timetable established by the Chair, in consultation with the President, the working group on the "way ahead" informally discussed agenda item 5 — New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapon; radiological weapons on 11, 14 and 15 August. The meetings were chaired by Mr. Htin Lynn, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Myanmar and co-facilitated by Mr. Yury Ambrazevich, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belarus in his capacity as friend of the Chair. A variety of views were expressed by delegations during these meetings.

F. Comprehensive programme of disarmament

49. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

50. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

CD/2102, dated 11 September 2017, entitled "Letter dated 8 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus Mr. Yury Ambrazevich to the Secretary General of the Conference on Disarmament".

51. As per the timetable of the working group on the "way ahead" established by the Chair, in consultation with the President, the working group on the "way ahead" informally discussed agenda item 6 — Comprehensive programme of disarmament on 11, 14 and 15 August. The meetings were chaired by Htin Lynn, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Myanmar and co-facilitated by Mr. Yury Ambrazevich, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belarus in his capacity as friend of the Chair. A variety of views were expressed by delegations during these meetings.

G. Transparency in armaments

52. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

53. The following document was submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

CD/2102, dated 11 September 2017, entitled "Letter dated 8 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus Mr. Yury Ambrazevich to the Secretary General of the Conference on Disarmament".

54. As per the timetable of the working group on the "way ahead" established by the Chair, in consultation with the President, the working group on the "way ahead" informally discussed agenda item 7 — Transparency in armaments on 11, 14 and 15 August. The meetings were chaired by Htin Lynn, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Myanmar and co-facilitated by Mr. Yury Ambrazevich, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belarus in his capacity as friend of the Chair. A variety of views were expressed by delegations during these meetings.

H. Consideration of other areas dealing with the cessation of the arms race and disarmament and other relevant measures

55. The following documents were submitted to the conference:

(a) CD/2087, dated 1 February 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 31 January 2017, transmitting a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, dated 30 January 2017";

(b) CD/2089, dated 13 February 2017, entitled "Letter dated 8 February 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation, addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament";

(c) CD/2092, dated 7 March 2017, entitled "Letter dated 3 March 2017 from the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament";

(d) CD/2093, dated 6 June 2017, entitled "Note verbale dated 26 April 2017 from the Permanent Representative of France to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs concerning the attack of 4 April 2017 in Khan Sheikhoun";

(e) CD/2094, dated 19 June 2017, entitled "Letter dated 5 June 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation, addressed to the Secretary General of the Conference on Disarmament, transmitting the comments of the Foreign Ministry of the Russian Federation on the Syrian 'chemical dossier' made in response to the French National Evaluation regarding the chemical attack of 4 April in Khan Shaykhun".

I. Consideration and adoption of the annual report of the Conference and any other report as appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations

56. Being aware of the need for progress on multilateral disarmament, and building on the focused efforts in the Conference on Disarmament to establish a programme of work for the 2017 session and with a view to early commencement of substantive work during its 2018 session, the Conference requested the current President and the incoming President to conduct consultations during the intersessional period and, if possible, make recommendations taking into account all relevant proposals, past, present and future, including those submitted as documents of the Conference on Disarmament, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations.

57. The Conference decided that the dates for its 2018 session would be:

First part: 22 January-30 March

Second part: 14 May-29 June

Third part: 30 July-14 September.

58. The annual report to the seventy-second session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as adopted by the Conference on 14 September 2017, is transmitted by the President on behalf of the Conference on Disarmament.

(*Signed*) Ambassador Julio Herráiz España
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